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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, BH, GT, UK  
SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: FOURTH COMMITTEE -- ITEM 25: BELIZE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: UKUN MISSION OFFICER PROVIDED US WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BELIZE (WHICH FOLLOWS), SAID THAT BELIZEANS WERE IN FAVOR OF A "MODERATE" RESOLUTION TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OBTAINED LAST YEAR AND IMPROVE THE VOTING RECORD, IF POSSIBLE, WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING NEGOTIATIONS. HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THE GUATEMALANS WILL INTRODUCE THEIR OWN RESOLUTION ON BELIZE BUT THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DEBATE WILL BE SHORTER THAN LAST YEAR. THE UK WILL PROBABLY MAKE AN ORAL STATEMENT ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE UK IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONCENTRATION OF GUATEMALAN TROOPS ON THE BORDER. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 27 UKUN MISSION OFFICER RICHARDSON CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND MISOFFS AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF PLAY OF THE BELIZE QUESTION IN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE (4-C). RICHARDSON GAVE US A COPY OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BELIZE.

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HE SAID THAT HE AND UK CHARGE MURRAY HAD JUST

DISCUSSED THE DRAFT WITH GUATEMALAN REPRESENTATIVES, WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE BELIZE DEBATE NOT BE AS PROTRACTED AS WAS THE CASE LAST YEAR (UNLIKELY IN RICHARDSON'S VIEW AND OURS BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF OTHER 4-C BUSINESS).

3. RICHARDSON SAID THAT THE BELIZEANS FELT THE NEED FOR A RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OBTAINED IN LAST YEAR'S 4-C DEBATE BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS (WHICH RICHARDSON SAID MAY RESUME IN JANUARY, DEPENDING ON MINISTER ROWLAND'S AVAILABILITY) OR SUFFER ANY EROSION OF THE VOTE ON THEIR RESOLUTION FROM LAST YEAR. FOR THOSE REASONS, BELIZEAN ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOMAN, NOW IN NEW YORK, RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO THE UK'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A "MODERATE" RESOLUTION, WHICH MIGHT PICK UP SOME LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT. IF THE LA'S ARE NOT INTERESTED, THE RESOLUTION MAY GET TOUGHER, HE SAID.

4. CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT, RICHARDSON SAID THAT THE UK HAS ONLY SPOKEN TO A FEW LAS ABOUT IT AND WANTS TO KEEP OUT OF THE TACTICAL MANEUVERING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE UK DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE THE GOG THE IMPRESSION THAT IT IS SEEKING TO WIN VOTES AWAY FROM IT. HE SAID THAT BOTH PERU AND PANAMA ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT THEIR VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF BELIZE WOULD HAVE VIS-A THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT.

5. RICHARDSON SAID THAT SHOMAN IS SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE ON THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION BUT THAT AT A MINIMUM IT WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO "SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE" AS WELL AS "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN ITS PRESENT FORM IT DOES NOT CONTAIN TWO ELEMENTS WHICH THE GOG FOUND DIFFICULT: A CALL FOR THE PARTIES TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPHS (PARA 5 OF LAST YEAR'S RES) AND ANY USE OF THE TERM "DIFFERENCE OF OPINION" BETWEEN THE PARTIES (THE GOG CONSIDERS THE MATTER A "DISPUTE.").

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6. RICHARDSON SAID HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW IF THE GUATEMALANS WILL INTRODUCE THEIR OWN RESOLUTION ON BELIZE THIS YEAR (BUT HOPES NOT) OR IF THEY WOULD MAKE ANY REPORT ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE DOUBTED THE LATTER SINCE THE GOG DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE 30TH GA RESOLUTION ON BELIZE. THE UK WILL PROBABLY MAKE AN ORAL STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF THE

NEGOTIATIONS BUT NOT A WRITTEN REPORT. THE UK WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO POINT OUT THAT MAJOR PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE SOLVED.

7. RICHARDSON SAID HE IS NOT SURE WHAT ATTITUDE THE CARIBBEANS WILL ADOPT BUT SAID THEY SEEM TO AGREE WITH THE BELIZEANS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF TABLING A MODERATE DRAFT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE VOTING RECORD ON THE RESOLUTION. ON COSPONSORSHIP, RICHARDSON SAID THERE IS LESS CONCERN ABOUT THE NUMBER OF COSPONSORS AND MORE ABOUT THE REGIONAL BALANCE. HE SAID THE UK HOPES TO AVOID ANY EASTERN EUROPEAN COSPONSOR AS IT DID LAST YEAR. HE IS NOT SURE WHICH BELIZEAN MINISTER WILL COME UP FOR THE DEBATE.

8. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY BY MR. LUERS ABOUT THE GOG RESPONSE TO UK HOWITZER REINFORCEMENTS, RICHARDSON SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA HAD NOT LIKED THE UK NOTE ON THE SUBJECT. RICHARDSON SAID THE UK CONSIDERS, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS ALWAYS PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE GOG WITHOUT GETTING INFORMATION IN RETURN. HE CONTINUED THAT THE UK IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUING MILITARY BUILD-UP ON THE BELIZE BORDER AND IN PARTICULAR THE CONCENTRATION OF GUATEMALAN TROOPS. LUERS SAID THAT THE US IS NOT TERRIBLY WORRIED THAT THE GOG IS UP TO ANY MILITARY MOVE. LUERS EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE THE US HAS EXERCISED A MODERATING INFLUENCE ON THE GOG, THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES WE CAN EXPECT OUR CALLS FOR MODERATION TO BE EFFECTIVE.

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9.QUOTE

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BELIZE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF BELIZE,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3432 (XXX),

HAVING HEARD REPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND GUATEMALA IN PURSUANCE OF  
PARAGRAPH 6 OF RESOLUTION 3432 (XXX),

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BELIZE,

REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE DECLARATION  
ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES  
AND PEOPLES SET OUT IN ITS RESOLUTION 1514 (XV), AND IN PARTICULAR  
THAT ALL PEOPLES HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, BY  
VIRTUE OF WHICH RIGHT THEY FREELY DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL  
STATUS AND FREELY PURSUE THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
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DEVELOPMENT,

NOTING THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AS THE  
ADMINISTERING POWER, ACTING IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA HAVE  
TAKEN PLACE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS  
4 AND 5 OF RESOLUTION 3432 (XXX),

REGRETTING, HOWEVER, THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT  
RESULTED IN THE REMOVAL OF SUCH OBSTACLES AS HAVE HITHERTO  
PREVENTED THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE FROM EXERCISING FREELY AND WITHOUT  
FEAR THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND  
INDEPENDENCE,

1. REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE  
TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE;

2. REAFFIRMS THAT THE INVIOABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY  
OF BELIZE MUST BE PRESERVED;

3. CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO RESPECT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, TO FACILITATE THE ATTAINMENT BY THEM OF THEIR GOAL OF A SECURE AND EARLY INDEPENDENCE, AND TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION THAT WOULD THREATEN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BELIZE;

4. CALLS ALSO ON THE ADMINISTERING POWER, ACTING IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY THEIR NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF RESOLUTION 3432 (XXX) IN ORDER TO REACH AN EARLY CONSLUSION;

5. REQUESTS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION ON SUCH AGREEMENTS AS MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

6. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS  
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EXAMINATION OF THE QUESTION.

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